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In re the Application of: HIDEFUMI KONDO, et al.

Filed : Concurrently herewith  
For : ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM  
Serial No. : Concurrently herewith

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

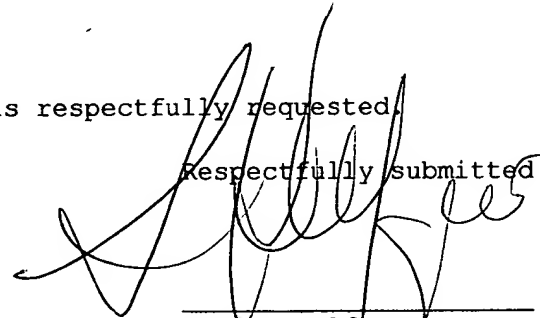
Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

REMARKS

This amendment has been filed to avoid improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

  
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